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SUBJECT: FURTHER GERMAN INVOLVEMENT IN ICELANDIC FISHERIES
DISPUTE

1. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - DURING WEEK APRIL 7-14 EMOTIONS OF NORTH GERMAN LAND GOVERNMENTS AND OF ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN DEEPSEA FISHERS (VHF) ROSE STEADILY IN RESPONSE TO INTENSIFIED ICELANDIC HARASSMENT OF GERMAN TRAWLERS IN THE 12-50 MILE ZONE AROUND ICELAND. FIRST VHF AND SUBSEQUENTLY GOVERNMENTS OF FOUR GERMAN COASTAL STATES UNDER LEADERSHIP OF BREMEN ADVOCATED BOYCOTT OF ICELAND TRAWLER LANDINGS IN GERMAN PORTS. DUE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS SUCH STEP, BUCK PASSED SUCCESSIVELY TO FEDMIN AGRICULTURE, FONMIN AND CHANCELLOR' S OFFICE, ALL PARTIES THROUGH MIN AGRICULTURE FINDING IN FAVOR OF RETALIATORY MEASURE. END UNCLASSIFIED.

2. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE - ACCORDING SOURCES IN OFFICE OF LAND BREMEN SENATOR ECON AND FOREIGN TRADE, DECISION NOT TO BOYCOTT MADE BY CHANCELLOR BRANDT PERSONALLY DURING FRIDAY' S SPD CONVENTION ACTIVITIES IN HANOVER. REASONING BASED ON TWO FACTORS. FIRST, UNWILLINGNESS UNNECESSARILY SHARPEN CONFLICT AND THEREBY REDUCE ALREADY MEAGER HOPES OF SETTLEMENT.
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SECOND, RECOGNITION OF FACT THAT RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN CURRENT GOVERNMENT AND UNIONS SO CLOSE AS TO MAKE BOYCOTT A NATIONAL MEASURE AND NOT RPT NOT UNION AND LOCAL GOVT RETALIATION. BRANDT APPARENTLY GAVE IMPRESSION HE OTHERWISE NOT RPT NOT OPPOSED TO SUCH ACTION. END LIMITED OFFICIAL USE.

3. BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED - BREMEN SENATE PRESIDENT KOSCHNICK PROCEEDED OVER WEEKEND APRIL 14-15 TO ICELAND WITH PERSONAL MANDATE FROM BRANDT TO ATTEMPT NEGOTIATE REDUCTION OF TENSIONS. KOSCHNICK SUPPOSED TO MEET WITH ICELANDIC MINISTER PRESIDENT AND FISHERIES MINISTER APRIL 16. SULLIVAN

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